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SUBJ: MISKAR OFFSHORE NATURAL GAS PROJECT: MINISTER SFAR

SAYS WORK CONTINUING AT ACCELERATED PACE.

REF: TUNIS 3149

1. IN INTERVIEW CARRIED MAY 14 IN TUNIS PARTY DAILY

"L'ACTION", MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, MINES AND ENERGY

RACHID SFAR--WHILE CHARACTERISTICALLY PRUDENT--IMPLI-

CITLY ENDORSED DECISION TO CARRY OUT MISKAR NATURAL

GAS PROJECT WHICH CABINET TOOK LAST SUMMER, I.E., PRIOR

TO SFAR'S BEING CHARGED, IN DECEMBER, WITH THIS CABINET

PORTFOLIO.

2. "IN RESPECT TO MISKAR", SFAR SAID, "THE WORK CON-

TINUES AT AN ACCELERATED RHYTHM. IT IS WELL UNDERSTOOD

THAT THIS IS A VERY COMPLEX PROJECT OF GREAT MAGNITUDE.

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IT WILL BE PERHAPS THE LARGEST PROJECT OF TUNISIA IN
RESPECT TO ITS COST, ITS IMPLICATIONS AND EFFECTS.

I WOULD SAY THAT THE WORK CONTINUES IN ESSENTIALLY

TWO DIRECTIONS: 1) CONTINUATION OF PREPARATORY

ACTIONS TO ESTIMATE BETTER THE REAL RESERVES; AND

2) PREPARATION OF STUDIES AND EVEN THE LAUNCHING OF

CERTAIN CALLS FOR BIDS FOR VARIOUS LOTS OF EQUIPMENT

WHICH WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE EXPLOITATION OF THE
FIELD."
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